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SUBJ: PLENARY -- RESOLUTION ON ZIONISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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1. GA NOVEMBER 10 DEFEATED MOTION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF ANTI-ZIONISM RES BY A VOTE OF 55(US)-67-15. IT THEN ADOPTED RES BY VOTE OF 72-35(US)-32.

2. AFTER INTRODUCTION OF THIRD COMITE'S REPORT, BELGIUM PROMPTLY MOVED TO DEFER ANTI-ZIONIST RES UNTIL THE 31ST SESSION OF THE GA. THIS MOTION WAS SUPPORTED BY LIBERIA AND URUGUAY, AND OPPOSED BY DAHOMEY AND IRAQ. THE VOTE ON THIS MOTION WAS 55(US)-67-15. LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN GENERAL IMPROVED THEIR VOTE ON THIS AND SUBSTANTIVE RES, WHILE AFRICANS CHANGED ONLY SLIGHTLY. A COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY LIST OF VOTING ON THIS MOTION AND ON THE ANTI-ZIONISM RES BEING SENT SEPTELS.

3. A SECOND PROCEDURAL MOTION, AGAIN PRESENTED BY BELGIUM, WAS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE ANTI-ZIONISM RES OVER THE TWO RESES DEALING WITH THE DECADE TO COMBAT RACISM. THIS MOTION WAS DEFEATED BY A VOTE OF 36(US)-74-15.

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4. IN GENERAL DEBATE BEFORE THE VOTE, ISRAELI PERMREP HERZOG SAID RESOLUTION'S ADOPTION WOULD DEMONSTRATE UN WAS BECOMING A WORLD CENTER OF ANTI-SEMITISM IN WHICH HITLER MIGHT HAVE FELT AT HOME. ZIONISM WAS NOT A FORM OF RACISM; IT REPRESENTED FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE WHAT NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MEANT TO PEOPLES IN AFRICA AND ASIA. RES WAS A PRODUCT OF A CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO "SABOTAGE" THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. ITS ADOPTION WOULD JEOPARDIZE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THE UN BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN "DRAGGED TO ITS LOWEST POINT OF DISCREDIT BY A COALITION OF DESPOTISMS AND RACISTS."

5. IN EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, WEO AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES OPPOSED THE ANTI-ZIONIST RES ON GROUNDS THAT ITS ADOPTION WOULD IMPAIR THE UN FIGHT AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, STIMULATE ANTI-SEMITISM, JEOPARDIZE THE PROSPECTS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND DIMINISH BOTH THE EFFECTIVENESS AND MORAL AUTHORITY OF THE UN. AFRICANS WHO COULD NOT SUPPORT THE RES (LIBERIA, KENYA AND ZAMBIA) ARGUED THAT ITS ADOPTION WOULD PLACE IN JEOPARDY THE DECADE AGAINST RACISM. MAURITIUS HINTED AT PRESSURE BROUGHT BY BIG POWERS AGAINST SMALL ONES. KUWAIT ATTEMPTED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ZIONISM WAS RACISM, YUGOSLAVIA REJECTED ANY ACCUSATIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM, AND IRAN FAVORED THE RES BECAUSE OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARABS.

6. GA ADOPTED ANTI-ZIONISM RES BY A VOTE OF 72-35(US)-32. US EXPLANATION OF VOTE DELIVERED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE VOTE BY AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN BEING SENT DEPT BY SEPTTEL.

7. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS. MOYNIHAN

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